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REMARKS

In view of the following discussion, the Applicants submit that none of the claims now pending in the application are unpatentable or anticipated under the provisions 35 U.S.C. §§ 101 and 102. Thus, the Applicants believe that all of these claims are now in allowable form.

I. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1-14, 17, 19 AND 21-24 UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 101

The Examiner rejected claims 1-14, 17, 19 and 21-24 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed towards non-statutory subject matter. Responsive to the Examiner, the Applicants herein amend claim 6 to incorporate the limitations of claim 1 and add the additional limitation of "providing said result" to fully comply with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 101. As such, the Applicants respectfully request the rejection be withdrawn with respect to claims 6-10.

Furthermore, the Applicants herein cancel claims 1-5, 11-14, 17, 19 and 21-24 without prejudice. The Applicants reserve the right to file one or more continuation applications to continue prosecution of any of the canceled claims. Thus, the present rejection is now moot.

II. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1-5, 11-14, 17, 19 AND 21-24 UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner rejected claims 1-5, 11-14, 17, 19 and 21-24 as being anticipated by US Patent Publication 2004/0003004, hereinafter referred to as "Chaudhuri." Responsive to the Examiner, the Applicants cancel claims 1-5, 11-14, 17, 19 and 21-24 without prejudice. The Applicants reserve the right to file one or more continuation applications to continue prosecution of any of the canceled claims. Thus, the present rejection is now moot.

III. ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 6-10 would be allowable if re-written in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Responsive to the Examiner, the

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Applicants herein amend claim 6 to include all of the limitations of independent claim 1. As such, the Applicants respectfully submit that claims 6-10 are now in condition for allowance and request the objection be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION


Thus, the Applicants believe that all these claims are presently in condition for allowance. Accordingly, both reconsideration of this application and its swift passage to issue are earnestly solicited.

If, however, the Examiner believes that there are any unresolved issues requiring the issuance of a final action in any of the claims now pending in the application, it is requested that the Examiner telephone Mr. Kin-Wah Tong, Esq. at (732) 530-9404 so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully Submitted,

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